

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

(Draft EIS/EIR), CALFED Bay-Delta Program, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Army Corps of Engineers, and the California Resources Agency, as co-lead agencies, have prepared a Draft EIS/EIR for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort by 15 State and Federal agencies with regulatory and management responsibilities in the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin River Bay-Delta to develop a long-term plan to restore ecosystem health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. The objective of this collaborative planning process is to identify comprehensive solutions to the problems of ecosystem quality, water supply reliability, water quality, and Delta levee and channel integrity. The Draft EIS/EIR identifies 12 alternative methods to achieve this objective and analyzes the environmental impacts of each of those alternatives. Public hearings will be held in 12 cities throughout California to receive written or verbal comments on the Draft EIS/EIR from interested organizations and

individuals on the environmental impacts of the proposal.

DATES: Public comments on the Draft EIS/EIR should be submitted in writing on or before June 1, 1998. Public hearings to receive oral comments on the Draft EIS/EIR will be held in various locations in California. See Supplementary Information section for hearing dates.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR should be addressed to Mr. Rick Breitenbach, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, California 95814. Requests for a printed copy of the Draft EIS/EIR should be addressed to Mr. Rick Breitenbach, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, California 95814; telephone: (800) 900-3587. When requesting a copy, please specify whether you would like the Executive Summary or a complete set of the Draft EIS/EIR with 11 Appendices. Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are also available for public inspection and review. See Supplementary Information section for locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request copies of the Draft EIS/EIR or for additional information, contact Mr. Rick Breitenbach, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, CA 95814; telephone: (800) 900-3587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Hearing Dates:

- April 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Ontario, California
- April 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Fresno, California
- April 23, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Oakland, California
- April 28, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Burbank, California
- April 29, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Bakersfield, California

- April 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Santa Cruz, California
- May 5, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Irvine, California
- May 6, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Walnut Grove, California
- May 7, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Chico, California
- May 12, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Encinitas, California
- May 13, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Pittsburg, California
- May 14, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in Redding, California

Hearing Locations:

- Holiday Inn, 3400 Shelby Street, Ontario, California
- Ramada Inn, 324 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California
- Oakland Masonic Center, 3903 Broadway, Oakland, California
- Fire Training Center, 1845 N. Ontario, Burbank, California
- Kern Agricultural Pavillion, 501 S. Mount Vernon, Bakersfield, California
- Pacific Cultural Center, 1307 Seabright, Santa Cruz, California
- University High School, 4771 Campus Drive, Irvine, California
- Gean Harvie Center, 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove, California
- Chico Community Center, 545 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico, California
- Encinitas City Council Center, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, California
- Marina Center, 340 Marina Center, Pittsburg, California
- The Doubletree, 1830 Hilltop Drive, Redding, California

Copies of the Draft /EIR are available for public inspection at:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Program Analysis Office, Room 7456, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC; telephone: (202) 208-4662
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver CO; telephone: (303) 236-6963
- Bureau of Reclamation, Regional Director, Attention: MP-140, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA; telephone: (916) 978-5100
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Main Interior Building, Washington DC

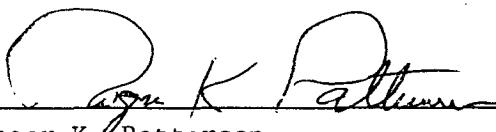
Copies will also be available for inspection at the following libraries:

Amador County Library; Auburn-Placer County Library; Berkeley Public Library; Butte County Library; Calaveras County Library; California State Archives; California State Library; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; California State Resources Library; California State University, Bakersfield; California State University, Chico; California State University, Fresno; California State University, Long Beach; California State University, Sacramento; California State University, San Diego; California State University, San Francisco; California State University, San Jose; California State University, Stanislaus; Colusa County Free Library; Contra Costa County Library; Contra Costa Library; The Council of State Governments; County of Los Angeles Public Library, Government Publications; County of Los Angeles Public Library, Lancaster Library; Dixon Unified School District Library; El Dorado County Library; Fresno County Public Library; Golden Gate University; Grass Valley Library; Nevada County Library; Humboldt County Library; Inyo

County Free Library; Kern County Library; Kings County Library; Lake County Library; Library of Congress; Lodi Public Library; Los Angeles County Law Library; Los Angeles Public Library; Los Banos Branch Library; Merced County Library; Madera County Library; Marin County Library; Mariposa County Library; Mendicino County Library; Merced County Library; Mono County Free Library; Monterey County Free Libraries, Napa City-County Library; Natural Resources Library; Nevada County Library; Oakland Public Library; Orange County Public Library; Orland Free Library; Plumas County Library; Quincy Library Group; Sacramento County Law Library; Sacramento Public Library; San Diego County Library; San Diego Public Library; San Francisco Public Library; San Jose Public Library; San Luis Obispo City-County Library; Santa Barbara Public Library; Santa Clara County Library; Santa Cruz Public Library; Shasta County Library; Solano County Library; Sonoma County Library; Stanford University; Stanislaus County Free Library; Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library; Sutter County Library; Tehama County Library; Tulare County Free Library; Tulare Public Library; Tuolumne County Free Library; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Davis; University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, San Diego; University of California, Santa Barbara Library; Willows Public Library; Yolo County Library; Yuba County Library.

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